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tents will be given 10 per cent dis-
count, and they may wait until spring,
or when they wish, to have the tents
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contact with Rev. Odell Sergeant, who
recently held a revival is some part
of Kentucky, will you please notify me
at once.—Miss Kaye Smith, Box 84,
Homerville, Ga.

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I should like to have good litera-
ture sent to me, such as tracts, old
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put them to work.—Rev. J. B. Weeks,
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of Monclo, W. Va., please write to me.
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WORLD TOUR SUCCESSFULLY MADE

Two families were made especially
happy upon the return of the re-
spective heads of their homes on
December 22, after a world tour from
November 5. Not only were the fami-
lies made happy upon their safe re-
turn, but I know



that the entire
Church joins
Headquarters in
rejoicing over
the fact that
our General
Overseer, H. L.
Chesser, and
Executive Mis-
sions Secretary,
J. H. Walker,
are back with
us. Although
greatly travel-
worn upon their
return, they are
now looking
very refreshed
and tackling the
tremendous task of answering the
great stacks of mail on each of their
desks, as well as the enormous
amount of other business that is now
demanding their attention. The trip
was made on behalf of our mission
work, about which, I am sure, these
brethren will give an interesting re-
port through the *Evangel* right away.

GREENVILLE CHURCH GIVES PASTOR CADILLAC

The Greenville, S. C., church has
been accustomed to giving its pas-
tors Christmas presents such as suits,



Rev. Earl P. Paulk

hats, shoes, shirts, and even ties; but
it pulled a fast one this Christmas
with a *new fast-one*, by giving to its
great pastor, Rev. Earl P. Paulk, a
1950 Cadillac automobile.

So far as I know, this is the most

expensive automobile ever to be given
any of our pastors, and it is indeed a
compliment to the church, as well
as its pastor. I know of no pastor who
could possibly be more deserving; and
among the many things that make
him deserving is the fact that instead
of giving up in despair when their
great twin church-building crumpled
to ashes, in the most disastrous fire
to have struck any of our churches,
his undaunted courage, great per-
sonality, indefatigable efforts led
church in successfully replacing their
building with one that was far supe-
rior, at a cost of a quarter of a million
dollars.—J. D. B.

COVER PICTURE

A New Church at Marked Tree, Arkansas

We were blessed to be in a most re-
markable service at Marked Tree on
November 6, which was a home-com-
ing day. This was one of the greatest
services I have ever attended. A large
crowd of visitors were present. The
special feature of the day was a drive
to raise the balance of their indebted-
ness on the church building. The
spiritual blessing of the day was won-
derful. The morning message was de-
livered by the state overseer, which
was followed by the special offering.
Brother and Sister Ball had looked
forward to the occasion and had made
preparation for the offering. All de-
partments of the church responded.
A spirit of giving hovered over the
audience, and they gave and con-
tinued to give until the total was
about \$2,400. The accomplishment of
the church at Marked Tree, under the
ministry of Brother Ball, has been
outstanding. The spiritual progress
has kept pace with the building pro-
gram. The fine church building,
which is the best in the State, cost
about \$16,000, with masonry walls,
stained windows, hardwood floors,
baptistry, a fine heating system, fluo-
rescent lights, factory-made pews,
and with a good pastor, and an enthu-
siastic congregation, makes a wonder-
ful house. This great offering pays off
the entire indebtedness on the build-
ing. Two years from the time they
took the first offering to build the
church, it is completed and paid for.
This is indeed a wonderful accom-
plishment, in faith and works.—L. L.
Hughes, State Overseer, Arkansas.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

The healing of my body.—Rev. R. W. Harris,
Woodville, Ala.

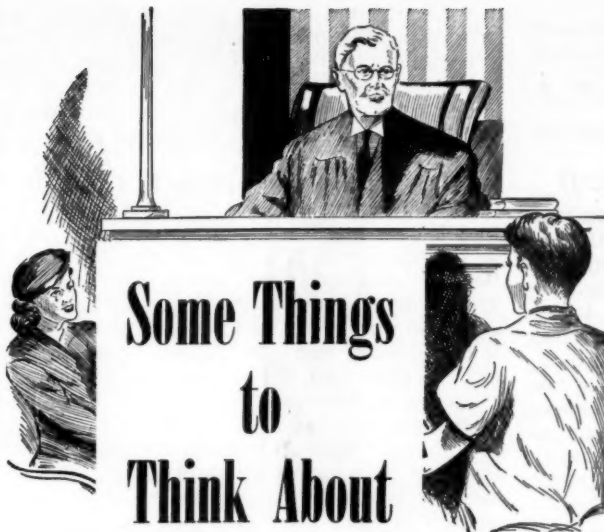
J. W. Daniel, Trion, Ga., who is critically
ill in the hospital.

God to heal me so that I may be able to
be on the field again.—Bertha F. Haynes, Bes-
semer, Ala.

My husband's health and for him to get
closer to God.—Mrs. Versie Spurlock, Avon
Park, Fla.

God to heal my left leg.—Mrs. Linda Brown,
Knoxville, Tenn.

My baby girl, who has polio.—Mrs. M. V.
Wood, Marvel, Ala.



Some Things to Think About

IF WE WOULD JUDGE OURSELVES—

Self-judgment is one of the most valuable exercises of the Christian life; and, therefore, anything which produces it must be highly esteemed by every Christian. "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world." (1 Cor. 11:31, 32).

A child will find it less difficult to ask for pardon from a parent than he will to openly confess his wrongdoing. He may think it proper to ask forgiveness and yet all the while he may have in his mind a number of things which tend to lessen the sense of the evil. He may secretly think that he was not so much to blame after all, or he may desire to escape punishment; whereas in confessing the wrong, there is just one thing and that is self-judgment. The parent will seek to impress upon the child a just sense of his wrongdoing, so he will see the awfulness of it. So is God's dealings with His children when they do wrong. He must have the whole thing brought out and thoroughly judged so we will hate the wrongdoing itself. By confession we get our conscience cleared; and the sweet sense of our relationship restored. O beloved, let us judge ourselves and confess our faults speedily.—M. P. Tyerman.

—Gospel Herald.

PRESERVATION OF BIBLE IN WAR

NEW YORK (RNS)—Steps to preserve the Bible in the event of atomic warfare have been taken by the American Bible Society. It was disclosed here at the fourth annual meeting of the United Bible Societies, organization of national Bible societies in 21 countries.

Dr. Gilbert Darlington, treasurer of the American Society, made the disclosure during a question period at a luncheon given for members of the religious and secular press, and attended by delegates to the sessions of the United Bible Societies.

Dr. Darlington said that copies of all the important publications of Scripture issued by the Bible Society had been deposited at places far from points of military strategy, to safeguard them from being destroyed by concentrated bombing. He told Religious News Service that copies had been segregated at the University of Colorado at Boulder, Colo.; Dartmouth College at Hanover, N. H.; and in New York City.

"We are not warmongers," he said, "but we feel that we must look into the possible future realistically."

PRAYER

Prayer is a heaven to a shipwrecked mariner, an anchor to them that are sinking in the waves, a staff to the limbs that totter, a mine of jewels to the poor, a security to the rich, a healer of disease, and a guardian of health. Prayer at once secures the continuance of our blessings and dissipates the clouds of our calamities.—Chrysostom.

THE GREATER TOUCH

LONGFELLOW could take a worthless sheet of paper, write a poem on it, and make it worth \$6,000—that is genius.

Rockefeller can sign his name to a piece of paper and make it worth millions—that is capital.

Uncle Sam can take gold, stamp an eagle on it, and make it worth \$20—that is money. A mechanic can take material worth \$5 and make an article worth \$50—that is skill.

An artist can take a 50-cent piece of canvas paint a picture on it and make it worth \$1,000,000—that is art.

God can take a worthless, sinful life, wash it in the blood of Christ, put his Spirit in it, and make it a blessing to humanity—that is salvation.—Selected.

U. S. SCHOOLS WAR ON RED MAGAZINE

WASHINGTON (UP)—The nation's school authorities were on the lookout for a slick-paper propaganda magazine which the Russian embassy has been sending to school libraries.

Rep. George H. Mahon, (D-Texas) complained to Dr. Earl J. McGrath, U. S. Commissioner of Education, that the embassy is using its "Information Bulletin" to propagandize Communism in U. S. schools.

McGrath replied that he was helpless to prevent the practice. If school authorities want the bulletins barred from their libraries, he said, they would have to take action themselves.

Similar reports have come from other school officials across the country.

Fools make a mock at sin.—Proverbs 14:9.

FUNDAMENTALISTS BELIEVE CHRIST'S RETURN IMMINENT

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (RNS)—Reestablishment of Israel as a nation is the outstanding sign that the "end of the age is near" and that "Christ will return to earth soon," speakers told the 30th annual convention of the World Christian Fundamentals Association here.

"We are of the opinion that we are living in the times when that great event will be taking place," Gavin Hamilton, Oak Park, Ill., evangelist and Bible teacher, said.

Hamilton told the conference that the return of the Jews to Palestine is a "direct fulfillment" of Jesus' parable of the fig tree related in Matthew 24.

In that parable, according to Hamilton, the "fig tree is Israel as a political nation." Christ, he said, "is speaking of the time when the Jews would receive their independence."

With fulfillment of the prophecy on Israel, Hamilton said, "our whole civilization is going to collapse and Jesus Christ will return and take up from there."

He appealed to Christians to "give full consecrations to God and to seek to evangelize the nations, in view of Christ's imminent return."

Theme of the convention was "The Imminent Return of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Sessions were held in First Baptist church, whose former pastor, the late Dr. W. B. Riley, founded the World Christian Fundamentals Association.

GOING TO THE ANTS

The proverb of Solomon, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard," is said to be qualified, according to recent studies. The admonition is good—if you go to the right variety of ants. Not all, however, are shining examples of industry and thrift. A group of scientists from the American Museum of Natural History concluded a study in Panama of a colony of 20,000 marauding ants over a period of five months, carefully recording behavior and movements of individuals. They vary, say the scientists, as much as human beings in individuality. Some—as high as forty per cent—are drones, idling about the nest all day. Another forty per cent are excellent workers, while the remaining twenty per cent do work—"occasionally."

—The Watchman Examiner.

LAUNCH CHRISTIAN TRACT DISTRIBUTION CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK (RNS)—A "Christian Crusade" in which participants agree to give a tract to someone each day, and to pray for the recipients of the tracts, was launched here by the American Tract Society.

Purpose of the Crusade, which seeks to enlist 100,000 tract distributors, is to stimulate interest in leaflet evangelism and to improve methods of using tracts.

If the goal of the Crusade is reached, more than thirty-six million tracts will be distributed annually. Participants need not use ATS tracts, although the Society will supply them with leaflets free of charge, if they so request.

Henry S. Perry, the Society's executive secretary, will present the Crusade and enlist active workers in it at leading Bible conferences this summer.



... Editorial ...

WHAT KIND OF A CONSCIENCE HAVE YOU?

The word *conscience* is derived from the Latin and means "joint knowledge"; that is, "knowing with another." It has been called a vicegerent—deputy sheriff; for after all, it makes a sinner a prisoner to its condemnation. Then, too, conscience is self-knowledge. It is the silent reasoner of the mind and approves the things that are right and disapproves the things that are wrong; that is, when it is in proper condition. Normalcy of the conscience depends much on the treatment it receives; therefore, while it is tender in some, it is calloused and indifferent in others. It is also a fact that the state of the conscience generally reflects whether the conditions surrounding it have been Christian or non-Christian.

The conscience asserts itself in at least three important ways. It testifies to what one has done in thought, word, and action. It is also the judge that passes sentence upon one's action whether good or evil. Then, too, it is an executioner meeting out peace, happiness, and contentment for well doing, and a sense of uneasiness and condemnation for unrighteous deeds. The cowardly conscience asks, "Is it safe?" The prudent mind queries, "Is it honest?" The vainglorious asks, "Is it popular?" But a good conscience asks, "Is it right?" The actual office work of the conscience is not legislative, but judicial, and it never acquits or sets free from condemnation, but either accuses or excuses its owner. Every conscience is originally tender, but sin has a hardening effect upon it in every life; therefore, it may be misinformed, perverted, and defiled. On the other hand, it is a wonderful fact that it may be purged by faith in the blood of Christ and become a conscience void of offense toward God and man.

CHARACTERISTICS

Let us notice seven characteristics of the conscience.

The ignorant conscience. Jesus said, "They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service," John 16:2. Saul, who later became the apostle Paul, demonstrated this prophecy. Here is his test: "I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them," Acts 26:9, 10. Also, 1 Tim. 1:13: "Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief." It is a fact however, worthy of consideration, that those who persecute, revile, curse, and abuse us today may bless us with righteous tongues tomorrow, therefore, we should pray for our enemies.

The defiled conscience. In Titus 1:15, we read, "Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled." It is a very common and natural thing for a man with a filthy mind to place others in his own condition and bracket. Perhaps there is no one

in the world that is more guilty of this than a backslider or a hypocrite. To a backslider, generally, everyone is a backslider; to a hypocrite, generally, everyone is a hypocrite. Then too, a defiled conscience actuates its possessor to the most satanic and destructive criticism of others, possible. It is as dangerous as the poison of an adder.

A weak conscience. Paul gives us a splendid exegesis on the weak conscience, in 1 Cor. 10:27-33: "If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake. But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof: conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience? for if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks? Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved." It is to be kept in mind that this is to those of a *weak conscience*, and that type person, is often ready to set up a standard for someone else to live by. Generally, however, a person as described, is the over-religious type. That is, he gives more consideration to the technical, in fact, things that are not essential to salvation, such as eats, drinks, coffee, tea, clothes, etc., than anything else.

A pretty good picture of a person of this type is drawn by this factual incident. A minister was preaching against drinking coffee and Coca-Cola, and a brother said, "And tea, too, pastor." And the pastor stopped and said, "I'll drink tea when I get ready, and it's nobody's business," and went on with his preaching. His drinking tea was nobody's business, but for others to drink coffee and Coca-Cola was his business. Later on, a visitor who was dining with him noticed that he didn't have tea at his plate, and knowing that he was especially fond of tea, asked why. The answer was, "Every time I preached against coffee and Coca-Cola I was criticized for drinking tea, so I quit drinking tea so I could preach against all three of them."

The apostle Paul should not be accused of giving those of a weak conscience unconditional advantages. It is to be remembered that where one person's rights end, the other person's rights begin, and that in respect to meats and drinks we are to keep in mind that "the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost," Rom. 14:17. I don't think that it is wrong to give those of unreasonable weak consciences a bit of advice and instruction so that their consciences will grow strong enough to be reasonable. This is much better than catering to one's erroneous attitude and thereby allowing them to continue working hardships on others.

The seared conscience. Turning to 1 Tim. 4:1, 2, we have Paul stating, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." This does not mean that a seared conscience is not alive, or that it is inactive. It simply means

that it is dead, twice dead, completely dead, to justice and righteousness, as affecting either God and man; and there is absolutely no feeling for nor toward neither. A graphic description of a person with such a conscience is further given in these words, "Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness," Eph. 4:19. A good tender conscience is reduced to this condition by a person constantly disregarding its disapproval and condemnation. In fact, it is possible for a Christian, even a preacher, to so abuse his conscience by constantly ignoring its warning and disapproving voice until it ceases to speak, and leaves a person free to continue his indulgence, whether it is a habit that inflicts injury upon himself, upon others, or upon God's cause in general. A man once jokingly said, "You know, when I was first saved, any little sinful thing I did disturbed my conscience; but now, actually, I believe I could steal a mule and it wouldn't bother me." This, actually, is pretty much, the sad condition of a seared conscience, and, of course, is anything but a joking and laughing matter. A person with a seared conscience is a dangerous person! He is dangerous to himself and others.

The purged conscience. Heb. 9:13, 14, reads, "For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, *purge your conscience* from dead works to serve the living God?" It is an amazing, yet absolute, fact that there are human beings all about us, some of them dressed in the finest of clothes and some of them in the poorest, whose minds are in the gutters all the time. They meditate upon the filthiest, and blackest of sins night and day. Their consciences are infested with the thoughts of dead works; with works so dead, putrified, and stinking that they are stenches in the nostrils of God and a reproach to decent society. In fact, many times it is easy to discern on the very face and in the eyes of people that their conscience is given over to iniquity—*dead works*, and you can especially tell it in their conversation. The remedy for a conscience like this is not education, not better surroundings, not better society, *but the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ*, which brings the vilest of sinners to that glorious spiritual standing with Christ Jesus of holding the mysteries of the faith in a *pure conscience*.

The good conscience. A pure conscience is a good conscience and only consciences that have been purged by the

blood of the Lord Jesus are in this bracket. A good conscience is actuated, guided, and governed by God's Word. In 1 Tim. 1:5, we read, "Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned." In other words, to an honest, sincere heart, God's commandments are not grievous, and when we keep His commandments, a pure heart, a good conscience, and faith unfeigned will be our glorious possession.

The exercised conscience. Every Christian should be able, under any and all circumstances, to give the same testimony that Paul fearlessly gave before Governor Felix: "And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men," Acts 24:16. As caution must be used to protect the health of the physical body, so, also, must great care be exerted to protect and maintain a good, pure conscience. There is no disputing the fact that it requires care, sincerity, and effort, even for a Christian, especially under some circumstances, to be honest, truthful, neighborly, charitable, and pure; but to keep a *good, clear conscience* one must exercise himself in the observance of all these things and hundreds more. Many times it takes by far more effort to pay a debt than it did to obtain the credit. It takes far more effort to avoid saying hurtful things than to say helpful things about a person. More manhood and womanhood must be asserted to live a life of high morals than some people think, and that is the reason so many laymen, as well as ministers, spoil their lives by immorality. And there are times when only by sacrificial effort can we meet our obligations of charity toward others. "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" 1 John 3:17. There is an old saying, "Let your conscience be your guide," but no one is justified in following such philosophy. If the conscience is good, pure, and holy, and governed by God's Word, then its dictates and judgments are safe, but if not, it can be a very dangerous master. Great care is shown to keep a watch and compass correct and accurate, because one tells us the time and the other the direction. So, also, should the conscience be kept in perfect condition, because it not only has much to do with time and direction, but our lives, success, peace, and happiness here, and determines largely whether our lives will be supremely happy hereafter or not. So let us exercise ourselves to have, always, a conscience void of offense, not only toward man, but toward God, also.

COMING EVENTS

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER February 24, 1950

For the fourth year, the National Association of Evangelicals has published a thoroughly scriptural program for use on the World Day of Prayer.

The theme of the 1950 program is "ALL POWER," based on Matt. 28:18. It will be treated in five sections:

- I. Secret of Power
- II. Source of Power.
- III. Stewardship of Power.

- IV. Service through Power.
- V. Supreme Goal of Power.

Dr. Wm. H. Lee Spratt, pastor of Judson Memorial Baptist Church, Denver, Colo., editor of the program, was assisted in its preparation by Mr. Oscar J. Harris and Mrs. Leslie R. Marston.

To keep the printing cost at a minimum, a limited supply will be available, so order your supply NOW.

There is no charge for this service but a free-will offering, to defray the

expense of printing and handling, will be appreciated.

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Secure your copies from the National Association of Evangelicals, 542 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago 5, Ill.

ALABAMA DISTRICT YOUTH CONVENTIONS

You will notice that we have given one day each for the conventions. We have tried to arrange at least a month between the youth conventions and your regular district conventions. If

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Who Says the Devil Is Bound?

Alert Watchman Foils 26-year-old's Plan for 15-Floor Leap

BIRMINGHAM (UP)—The nervous, 26-year-old youth rode an elevator to the 15th floor of the Comer Building. He went to a window, looked down and felt to see if the note to his mother was in his pocket.

The note told his story. "I have stood all the heartaches I can stand. I know if two wives quit me for being an ex-convict I know another one will. "So I think I will end all my troubles."

"I am too nervous to stand it. I love you and Dad and my baby so if Sandra lives to be 18 years old I want you to tell her all about me. "Tell Aubrey (his second wife who left him two weeks ago) that I am going to my grave loving her. . . She quit me because I am an ex-convict and can't hold a good job and keep her people up. . . (but) I love her well enough to die for her. She don't love me and I know it because she listens to her mother," his letter said.

"I went to the pen when I was 16 years old and from 16 to 21 is when a boy's mind is fully developing and I was around all of those hard criminals so it made me hardhearted to. . .

"Love forever and I hope I meet all of my family in heaven some day. (Signed) Love; Jr."

He was unaware that a night watchman had become suspicious when he came up on the elevator and had called the police.

"I have nothing to live for," he sobbed. "I want to die."

His mother came to the station for him.

Young Mother Termed Suicide; Throat is Cut

ACCOKEEK, Md. (AP)—A neighbor running in for a visit discovered the body of Mrs. Jean Helene Shifflett, 24, face down across a bed. Her 4-month-old daughter was crying in a crib near by. He husband, Paul Shifflett, a naval research scientist, was away from home.

The note penciled on an envelope said: "I took my own life. No one is to blame except the devil. Don't blame Paul. Paul, take good care of the baby."

Says Movie Style Love Wrecks Homes

NEW YORK (UP)—Hollywood is breaking up many marriages by making wives dissatisfied and giving husbands inferiority complexes, one psychologist contends.

Alfred E. Johns, who specializes in patching up broken homes, said the movies are making his job twice as hard as they would if they presented domestic life realistically.

"Husbands just don't make love the way the screen heroes do," Johns said. "The movies make married life seem glamorous, and real-life wives are disappointed in what they find."

"Everybody's either rich in movies or gets rich. Wives start nagging their husbands if they don't get rich, too, as in the movies."

Johns is director of the Modern Couple Institute, dedicated to following the theories of Emile Coue, the Frenchman who created quite a dithe in the United States in the roaring '20s with his optimistic slogan, "Day by day, in every way, I am getting better and better."

But things are getting worse, instead of better, on the matrimonial front, Johns said. He's found a direct relationship between the number of divorces and the number of movies persons go to see.

The happiest married men, according to a survey, he said, are chemical engineers. They are homebodies who prefer unimaginative books to fabulous movies. Second on the list are ministers. Next, in order, come college professors, teachers and engineers. Doctors are 11th on the list, bankers 12th and newspaper men 13th. At the bottom of the

list are traveling salesmen and laborers. Johns said they see lots of movies and so do their wives.

"Movies and novels never give a realistic approach to marriage," he added. "They make life glamorous and glamour may be good for the eye, but it's very bad for the mind."

Unruh, Before Orgy Which Killed 13, Threatened Mother with Wrench

CAMDEN, N. J. (AP)—A few minutes before Howard B. Unruh started the 20-minute shooting in which he killed 13 persons, he threatened his mother with an uplifted wrench.

According to Bob "Believe It or Not" Ripley, since 1918 Stalin and the Communists have liquidated by murder or exile 255,078 members of the clergy and destroyed 88,874 religious edifices. Included were 152,471 priests and monks and 52,032 nuns of the Russian Orthodox Church; 26,000 rabbis and teachers of the Jewish faith; 16,914 Mohammedan mullahs; 5,108 priests of the Roman Catholic Church; 2,025 Armenian priests; and 530 Lutheran pastors. They have confiscated 18,900,000 acres of church property and stolen \$4,000,000,000 worth of church funds in cash.

Berserk Farmer was 'Fine Fellow'

WATERFORD, Mich. — Folks were talking around here today in low shocked voices about Joe Runyon and what made him do it.

They still found it hard to believe that 10 of their friends were in hospitals with shotgun wounds—two critically injured.

What else could they talk about? They'd seen the smashed glass around the Waterford Hotel and the brown blood in Stanley's Bar and the oak tree where Runyon finally killed himself.

They couldn't figure Joe. Only a couple of days ago he'd been a respectable 57-year-old farmer. A little moody perhaps and down on his luck—but a nice guy generally.

"He was a very quiet fellow—a nice fellow—never talked to anybody unless they talked to him," said Kenneth Friesner, a bartender, wounded in the attack.

Early yesterday evening Friesner noticed a difference in Runyon, who was drinking at the Waterford.

"For the last two weeks, Joe seemed to be more surly," he said. "When he came in the first time about an hour before the shooting I sort of avoided him."

Mournfully, Runyon asked if Friesner was "losing faith" in him. The bartender said, "What's on your mind?" At this Runyon broke down and sobbed.

He had come from Detroit three years before. There, apparently, he had been divorced. His children, an undetermined number, had left him.

Settling here, Runyon went to work at a Pontiac auto factory and also tended his farm. He was troubled by asthma. His rent was a constant problem. He had no close friends—and his life was dragging him on into a solitary old age. To forget, he would drink.

Only two weeks ago he was fired from his old job. This broke him up more than ever.

Opera Singer Mother Bequeathes Suicide Gun, Way of Life to Son

CHICAGO (UP)—Before she shot and killed herself with a shiny new rifle, a socially-prominent concert violinist wrote notes bequeathing the death weapon and a way of life to her son.

To her divorced husband, Manufacturer Stephenson Wells, Mrs. Kate Merrell Wells wrote:

"Please see that the rifle is cleaned as soon as possible, since it will be Lynn's—her 10-year-old son.

"It's new and beautifully accurate," she continued. "Some day he will get a lot of pleasure out of it."

COMING EVENTS

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the districts prefer a two-night convention, we can arrange that if you will contact us. Here are the dates that we have arranged. We trust they will meet with your full approval.

February 25	Talladega District
March 4	Decatur District
March 11	Tuscaloosa District
March 12	Oneonta District
March 13	Lanett District
April 8	Alabama City District
April 10	Scottsboro District
April 15	Dora District
April 17	Thomasville District
April 22	Montgomery District
April 24	Clanton District
April 29	Mobile District
May 6	Anniston District
May 7	Boaz District
May 13	Dothan District
May 15	Bessemer District
May 19	Fort Payne District
May 20	Bradford District
May 22	Cullman District
May 27	Birmingham District

—F. L. Jernigan, State Youth Director.

ALABAMA

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Mobile District	March 4, 5
Dothan District	March 11, 12
Montgomery District	March 18, 19
Clanton District	March 25, 26
Boaz District	April 1, 2
Anniston District	April 6, 7
Bessemer District	April 13, 14
Tuscaloosa District	April 15, 16
Bradford District	April 20, 21
Fort Payne District	April 22, 23
Birmingham District	April 27, 28
Cullman District	April 29, 30
Talladega District	May 4, 5
Oneonta District	May 6, 7
Dora District	May 11, 12
Scottsboro District	May 13, 14
Alabama City District	May 18, 19
Decatur District	May 20, 21
Lanett District	May 25, 26
Thomasville District	May 27, 28

—W. E. Johnson, State Overseer.

PAPA WAS A PREACHER

By Alyene Porter

Irresistibly human and gay is this intimate picture of life in an American parsonage of the days most adults can remember. In its locales eight rollicking youngsters cavort and grow to responsible, but never solemn, maturity. But there are serious moments, too, tender and tense. Cloth bound, 167 pages. Price \$1.75

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THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

Lee College

THE CHURCH OF GOD AND THE FUTURE OF PENTECOSTAL EDUCATION

Earl M. Tapley, Dean

It has been stated that the great opportunity for leadership in the Pentecostal world stands at the door of the Church of God. This is true particularly in the field of Christian education.

More and more of the young people of our Church and of other Pentecostal groups are becoming interested in college training. If their own church does not provide the facilities for such training, these young people will find it elsewhere, and this may often result in the loss of some of our most promising young people. I discussed this problem with a leader of one of the Pentecostal groups at a recent meeting. He was quite disturbed because his group had no accredited college that could provide for the educational needs of his youth, but he remarked, "Our young people going to college outside the church in ever-increasing numbers." This same leader asked if his young people would be welcome at our college.

I think this is illustrative of the opportunity that lies before us. We can be of untold worth to the future of the Church by providing for our own young people the college training that

many of them are going to have, whether or not the Church provides it. In so doing we shall arouse in them an appreciation and loyalty to the Church that they would not have otherwise. Indeed, many of them will be saved for the Church that might be lost to its services if they are forced to go outside the Church for their education. At the same time the torch of educational leadership for the entire Pentecostal world lies at our door. Whether we shall take it up and lead the way, or leave it until others, who are becoming aware of the opportunities in this field, have taken the leadership, is for us to decide.

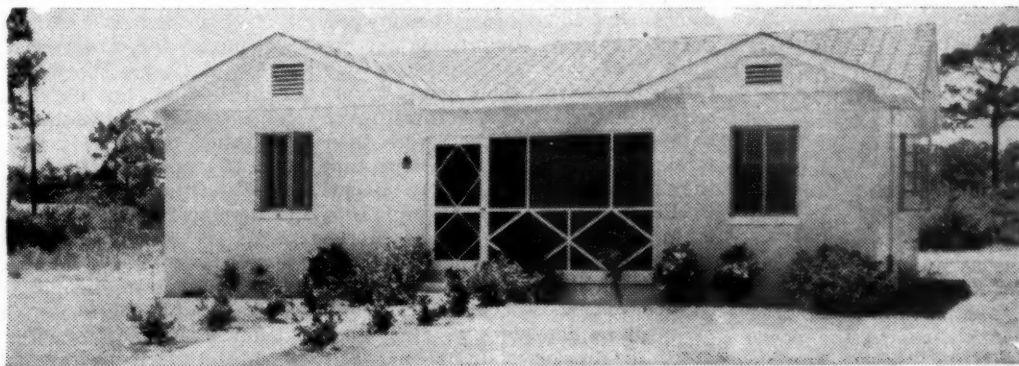
The Church of God has the best facilities, the best recognized institution, and the best qualified staff in the Pentecostal world for providing college training for its young people at this time. It is nearer the point of establishing a fully accredited four-year college that can provide adequate training in both religious and academic fields. But this advantage will not remain ours for long unless we unite for action. The story of the hare and the tortoise is particularly pertinent at this point.

The Church of God has provided for its educational program a splendid campus and school plant. This provision has been made by much sacrifice of our ministry and laity on

the field. The faculty members of this institution have continued their training, at great sacrifices to themselves and to their families, that they may be prepared to serve the needs of the Church efficiently and creditably. They have worked for the Church and its college at very low salaries when other institutions were holding out very enticing salaries before them. Unselfishly, they have remained where they felt they were needed most, and you have shown your appreciation of their attitude and sacrifices by your own sacrifices on the field. It has been a united and willing effort.

We must recognize that no college can operate on its student fees. Such fees can pay for only one-half to two-thirds of the costs of a sound training program. Some provision must be made for an adequate endowment and liberal annual income for the operation of the college, in addition to the fees its students pay. This is an absolute must if the college is to proceed further or is even to hold the ground already gained. We have a staff here that will continue to sacrifice to meet the requirements laid upon them to reach these academic goals for you and your children, and we believe you will also begin to ask yourself what you can do, there in your place of service, to realize them.

We can take up the torch now and lead the way, or we can simply follow along later, as we most assuredly will, when others have taken it up and gone ahead. A great challenge is thrown down to us! What will we do with it?



The above picture is the new parsonage at Lake Worth, Fla. This beautiful parsonage was constructed at the cost of \$10,000 and is plastered inside and out. It has an all electric kitchen and is furnished throughout with modern furnishings. Three bedrooms, living room, dining room, utility room, pastor's study, kitchen, and bath make up this lovely parsonage, which was constructed and furnished under the pastorates of Rev. O'Neal Hughes and Rev. B. W. Watson. Brother Watson is the present pastor. Hats off to you, Brother Hughes and Brother Watson, for the splendid job you have done.

Stretch Forth Thine Hand

By REV. G. W. LANE, State Overseer, Del-Mar-Va.

Mark 3:5, "And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other."

This scripture shows the Lord coming in contact with a man who had a withered hand. It is possible that this man had been crippled for a number of years and had given up all hope of ever being well. But there was a surprise in store for him, even though he was surrounded with unbelief and critics who would do all they could to discourage such a blessing.

This meeting was on the Sabbath day, and it presented its restrictions to the minds of all who were in the meeting insomuch that Jesus asked the question, "Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill?" The onlookers sought to accuse Him, as though He should not heal on the Sabbath day, which pictures the fact that there are always hindrances at the time a need is to be supplied, but in observing further, we also see that God is not to be stopped. Jesus asked the question, "What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the Sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?"

Jesus then said to the man, "Stretch forth thine hand," and immediately the man stretched forth his hand. It is possible that he used his good hand to assist in the effort; it is likely, also, that he questioned his ability to stretch forth his hand, since it had been so long in this condition, but in spite of anything that presented itself to him by way of doubt, he stretched forth his hand. This brought about the glorious results. If he had fainted over the Sabbath restrictions, or the long time of his affliction, he would have left the same as he came; but realizing that he was in the presence of the Master, and looking away from natural circumstances to the power of Jesus Christ, he obeyed. Possibly, with great effort he pushed this crippled hand toward Jesus, but when Jesus saw his effort, He healed the hand and it was restored whole as the other.

It has been said many times, "It is not my time to be helped, and when the Lord gets ready He will heal me, (or save me)," as the case might be, but this healing shows us that the time makes no difference. When we are in the presence of God, it is time to receive of His benefits. This healing also shows that an effort on our part is required. Jesus could have healed this man with his hand hanging down by his side, but it was not His plan. He expected something on the man's part. Therefore He said, "Stretch forth thine hand." We must desire the blessings of God before we get them. It is not God's desire to impose anything on us that we do not want, and for this reason He expects us to put forth some effort to get the blessing we desire. This is shown by many accounts in the Scripture where people have been healed.

Our attention is drawn to the four lepers who had been cast out of the city and away from society because of the fear of spreading the disease. They were unclean and it was unlawful for them to be in company with anyone except those who had the same disease. They had to remain to themselves in their days of waiting for death to finish its work on their bodies. One could never imagine the horror of such misfortune, but we think that they sat day after day in loneliness, with their minds lingering on their past days of health and happiness when they were with their families, longing for some hope that they might be reunited. "But no, this is the end; there is no hope; death is in my body." They were in the grip of despondency. But one day, in the face of all this, one of the lepers sprang to his feet and cried out, "Why sit we here until we die?" They arose to do something about their condition.

The account of these men, no doubt, is the picture of so many who will read this message. Possibly, you are gripped by despondency and hope

seems gone, but remember, Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour, are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Arise, shake yourself, go to Jesus; He will give you the desires of your heart. Don't sit and waste your life away, when the Lord wants to give you relief. Put forth an effort; even if it seems impossible, "Stretch forth thine hand."

Jesus, seeing a man who had been blind from his birth, spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle. "And he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent)."

This blind man could have thought of those whom Jesus healed without any such commandment and desired healing with no effort on his part, but without delay he started for the pool. To many looking on, it might have seemed foolish for this blind man to start through the country with mud in his eyes, but to him it meant obeying God. It is said to be a long journey on foot to the pool of Siloam, but he was willing to go all the way, and upon his arrival at the pool you can imagine his going to work washing his eyes, and he continued until all the mud was gone, and he found that it worked!

If this man had listened to the scoffing of the crowd or discouragements of friends, he would have remained blind, but obeying God, he came seeing. His neighbors saw him returning from the pool, and some said, "Is not this the man who was blind?" Others possibly said, "That is the man I have always given money to as he sat by the way." Maybe some, not willing to believe, said, "It may be some of his near kin." The man who had been blind said, "I am he. The difference is, I obeyed God and went to the pool." Thus, we see that it pays to put forth an effort, "stretch forth thine hand."

One of the most striking occurrences in the Scripture is that recorded of the little woman who had

an issue of blood, and had spent all that she had to get help from this affliction. Nevertheless she was none the better. Then she saw a multitude of people one day as they followed Jesus. She heard them praising Jesus for healing them and their friends, which, when she heard, she took faith that she, too, could be healed. The press was so great all around Jesus that it was difficult for her to reach Him, yet she was determined, as she knew it was her only hope of recovery. So she pressed in and, no doubt, elbowed her way through, pushing anyone aside who would get in her way of reaching Jesus. Finally, when she had come close enough to touch Him, she "stretched forth her hand" and touched the hem of His garment. Jesus stopped the entire procession and asked, "Who touched me?" One of the disciples answered, "Master, anyone could have touched you, since there is such a multitude pressing against you," but the Lord answered "I felt virtue leave my body." This was the same as to say, "That was not a careless touch of someone who happened to bump me; that was a touch on purpose." Jesus meant that whoever it was that touched Him meant to receive a blessing. The little woman came up and said, "Jesus, it was I." Jesus said, "Thy faith hath made thee whole," whereupon she joined those who praised Him for a personal touch, but not without "stretching forth her hand." She reached for the desired blessing.

This account of the poor woman should give us courage to push anything that might hinder us out of the way, and reach out for the things we need, knowing that Jesus is ready at all times to help us.

When Naaman, who was a leper heard that a little Israelite maid had said there was a man in her country who could cure him of his leprosy, he was sent by his king to the king of Israel with much gold, silver, and ten changes of raiment, hoping to be helped in some big fashion, but the Israelite king became angered at the thought that he could cure leprosy. The prophet of God heard that the king was perplexed and sent for Naaman to be brought to him. Upon Naaman's arrival, Elisha sent his servant and told him to go dip seven times in Jordan. This seemed beneath Naaman's dignity and he became very angry at such a suggestion. He said, "I thought he would come out to me

and strike his hand over the leprosy and cure me. Anyway, there are better rivers nearer home." Thus, he almost went without the needed help, but his servants finally persuaded him to do this simple thing to get his healing. He consented and dipped in Jordan the times required and went away well and happy. This account shows how easy it is for us to let our own opinions or the pride within us keep us from the things we need from God. God has His own ways of giving the things we need from Him and we must come His way, and when we are willing, He will always meet us and supply our needs. As you read this message, remember, if you will make known to God that you are sincere in your desire by stretching forth your hand. He will help you in your troubles. May God bless you.

GIFT OF HEALING

Just a little friendly advice to our ministers. I think the day has come when God is giving us a general awakening concerning the sick and afflicted being healed. At the same time, I think we ministers will do well to keep our feet on the ground. Just because God has called a few men out and given them a message of deliverance in this last day, please let us not be imitators.

I do think that every minister in the Church of God should be endued with power to heal the sick, but I do not believe that just because someone receives a definite healing in our ministry that we would be justified to go out and proclaim the gift of divine healing. If we are not careful, someone will make shipwreck, and thus bring a great reproach upon the Church that we love so well.

Let us be very careful and prayerful about these matters. Let us give more attention in our local churches and in our revivals to the praying for the sick. At the same time, let us be careful about claiming the gift of divine healing unless we absolutely have been anointed of God and assured of that gift.

If someone is healed in your service, God will be praised; but if you announce that you have the gift of divine healing and people come in your prayer line and go away not healed, then people are going to question the great power of God and look down on the Church, if we are not careful.

I trust that you will take this in

the spirit I have given it, and let us promote the cause of Christ and the great doctrine of His Bible to its fullness.—W. E. Johnson, State Overseer of Alabama.

BORGER, TEXAS SCENE OF WONDERFUL VICTORY— 350 SAVED

Today God is visiting His people with power. Borger, Texas, was a scene of healing and salvation as God moved on the people with glory and results. Unity is needed in these services; in fact, without the fellowship of the Christians, it is difficult to work. The pastors of the Pentecostal churches near Borger showed interest, because many dismissed their services and came over to be with us. Many traveled from distances to enjoy the glory of God that was present in the services. Sinners and cold church members suddenly came forth for God, as Christ demonstrated healing and salvation.

The healing services were conducted in the large Phillips College Auditorium, which was overrun. No doubt, hundreds were turned away because of the lack of seating facilities. The auditorium seated only 1,600.

Our reports, however, reveal great success in the four nights of revival meeting. Approximately 130 were saved in the last night of the services. In all, 350 came to the Lord. It was well worth the efforts.

THANKS TO BROTHER KERCE

Reverend Kerce, overseer of the Churches of God in Texas, is a fine man of God and is an able leader. The pastors working with him are very zealous for the Lord and showed great enthusiasm in building up God's work. We commend Brother Kerce for his untiring efforts to keep the gospel and program of the Church rolling ahead. Most of all, we thank him for the cooperation shown us in the services, also, the other cooperating ministers and laymen. May God bless you all and continue to enrich your harvest of souls.—Rev. Thea. F. Jones, Box 451, Cleveland, Tenn.

ROSCOE, Texas—We praise God for the wonderful healing of our beloved father and husband of a heart attack on August 14. He was stricken on the 13th and on Sunday God saw fit to reach down and heal him. We give God all the glory.—The Jewel Cole Family.

When God Hides His Face

By William Pospisil, State Overseer of
Montana and Wyoming

There are several scriptures in the Bible that tell us that God hides His face. It seems to be that they especially pertain to those who have enjoyed the presence of God at one time, or those who personally associated with the Lord Jesus Christ. For one who has never known God, it would not have much of a meaning to have God hide His face; but for one who has had fellowship with the Divine, it is a matter of grave concern when God is in hiding and cannot be found.

In the 31st chapter of Deuteronomy, God speaks to Moses, telling him prophetically that he would sleep with his fathers and that the children of Israel would forsake God and break the covenant that had been made. It is because of all this that He says in the 17th verse, "Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us?" Then in chapter 32 and verse 20 we read, "And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very forward generation, children in whom is no faith." In that statement, "I will see what their end shall be," we see that because they have forsaken God, God steps out of the picture, so to speak, and leaves them to their own ends and to their own devices and watches the outcome. When Israel forsook God, they were in trouble, and as a result they were scattered to every corner of the globe.

Our nation, as well as the other nations of this world, has, to a great extent, forsaken God. God has hidden His face and left the nations to their own devices to endeavor to solve their intricate problems. The leaders of the nations are at their wit's end trying to solve the various aspects of the intricate and manifold problems that keep coming up from day to day. They have either sidetracked God, ignored Him, or deliberately set themselves against God and His people. Therefore, God has gone into hiding

and will leave this world to solve their own problems. We know how that will turn out, as the Bible is plain in telling us of the terrible tribulation that shall shortly come upon this world. The destruction, devastation, suffering of the people will be so terrible that there is difficulty in finding words that will enable us to convey the thought to the human mind. The ultimate result of God's hiding His face is briefly told in the 29th verse of the 105th Psalm: "Thou hidest thy face, they are TROUBLED: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust."

Reader friend, if you have once known God, and God has hidden His face from you, then you are in trouble. Unless you return to God and find Him again, you will soon die and return to the dust, and that unsaved.

There would be no point in my writing this article and just telling someone he is in trouble. Any one that is in trouble knows that. But the Bible is not only faithful in telling one his faults; it also tells the cause and, besides that, gives an adequate remedy. Here is what the Bible says one ought to do when God hides His face. Isa. 8:17, "I will wait upon the Lord that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him." When God had promised that judgments would fall, Isaiah had already made up his mind that he would seek the face of the Lord. It is in the 55th chapter that Isaiah again tells us, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found." That is good advice. We may not always know why God has withdrawn His presence from us, but if we do not care, or are unconcerned because His presence is not with us as it was at former times, then it is a matter of grave concern.

When Job's troubles came upon him he could not understand it. However, he knew that he had lived right, and he had confidence in God that He would bring out all things right. But in his trouble he would have liked to be able to come right up to the throne of God and receive a satisfactory explanation. He earnestly sought God, as we can see from the following verses Job 23:3-10 in part: "Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat! I

would order my cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me . . . Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him: on the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him: but he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." We can see from the above that Job was desperately seeking God. Although he did not understand all about it, he knew that if he could just get to God and find Him, God would have a satisfactory explanation. Job sought God, and that is what we must do if God has hidden His face from us—as an individual, or as a church, or as a nation.

I think a very beautiful illustration of this concern that should be in our hearts when the presence of the Lord is no longer a reality, is given in John's Gospel where he tells of the resurrection of Jesus. Mary Magdalene, who was the first one to see Jesus after He arose from the dead, had gone early to the tomb and had run and told Peter and John of the empty tomb, then returned and tarried behind after the others had looked and left. She just stood there and wept. Between sobs and tears she took another look into the tomb. There she saw angels where once the Lord had lain. The angels inquired of her why she wept. Her reply was, "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him."

Then turning and seeing a man behind her, and thinking Him to be the gardener, she inquired of Him if He had removed the body of Jesus, that she would like to know where He had laid Him. Hearing Jesus speak her own name, as no doubt He had spoken to her many times before, she recognized her risen Lord, and her sorrow turned to joy. She wept when her Lord was gone but rejoiced after seeking for Him and He came and spoke to her.

It was a sad day for Israel when the ark of God was stolen. A new-born child was named Ichabod, meaning "the glory of the Lord is departed." It was a time of rejoicing when David and his men brought the ark back home.

Jesus was accustomed to having the
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... Foreign Missions ...

J. Herbert Walker, Sr., Executive Secretary

HAPPY IN HAITI



Looking from left to right you see Miss Odine Morse, Herbert Walker, Jr., Mrs. Herbert Walker, Jr., and their daughter, Little Miss Sharon Dianne (Ti Butch).

Brother Walker is, as most of you know, Rev. J. H. Walker's son, and though only twenty-two, has the honor of having graduated from B.T.S. in 1945 and from Vanderbilt University. He and his wife, also a graduate of B. T. S. and Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., began their work in Haiti in 1946. Brother Herbert has served very efficiently as superintendent of the eighty-eight churches, constituting a membership of 5,365 members and 224 ministers and teachers, as well as supervising the orphanage of twenty-three children and four matrons, and thirty-nine schools for the natives.

On Dec. 28, 1948, Ti Butch arrived, and although she had to make a trip to Tennessee for special physical help, she returned to Haiti to begin her work as a bonified missionary, by birth, and in making her parents happier all the time.

Then on Sept. 15, 1949, Miss Odine Morse, a graduate of B. T. S. (Lee College), and known, especially, to the younger people throughout the Church of God as a very pleasing, consecrated Christian, joined Brother and Sister Walker in Haiti. She has served as secretary to at least two state overseers and has also engaged in Christian youth work, therefore,

she is capable of rendering very efficient service in cooperation with the Walkers. A little belated, but this group sends to you sincere wishes for a happy new year, and I am sure that the entire *Evangel* family joins me in saying, we pray that health, happiness, and success will be theirs throughout 1950.—J. D. B.

Greetings to every dear saint and friends!

The people of our land, the natives of Dominica, are so down and out and poor that every day we have repeated calls for help, and really it is ever so hard to turn away people in such bad conditions. Even Sister Henry and I often find ourselves in need. We have gone out leaving the home empty. We pray about these cases and beg our great Provider to fulfill our needs and the needs of those who are willing to come to service but don't have sufficient clothing. Notes keep coming into our little home asking us to pray for help in clothing.

We have our Sunday School on Monday night, for there are those who cannot appear in service on Sunday, for lack of clothes. Men, women, and children of all sizes are willing to come but have no clothes. Young girls have on bags such as we put sugar in. They come at night to hear something for their souls. Their hunger for the gospel cheers us and encourages us to go on.

Bishop J. B. Winter recently came

and organized our work, for which we are truly grateful. While Brother Winter was here, a man came to him in strips of rags and wanted to join the church. The bishop's heart broke for the people, and he informed Bishop J. M. Owens immediately of our dire need, who came to our rescue and sent me 16 boxes of used clothing, some Sunday School literature, **LIGHTED PATHWAYS**, and tracts. All of these articles were distributed to many needy ones who were very glad, indeed, to receive them. We do beg again for more articles of any kind, even instruments to help in the service of the Lord. You could send them to Brother J. M. Owens so that he may be able to continue this good work in helping supply the needs of the poor in this island of the mission field.

In Dominica there are many hungry children who seldom ever get what they really need. We can use all the clothing you can send. We are in need of a little chapel in which to worship.

May God richly bless each and every saint who has given and who will give to the needy and might be the means of saving a lost soul.—Your humble brother in Christ, W. H. Henry, Evangelist-Pastor.

QUARTERLY CONVENTION IN BARBADOS

Sunday, October 2, was the day fixed for our quarterly convention, and as usual, we began the day's meetings with a baptismal service at the Bay Street Beach, where a large crowd gathered to witness the baptism of ten believers in water. From there we went to the large steel shed in the Queens Parish for the great service of the day. This began at 10:30 a.m. and ran until 3 p.m. It was a day long to be remembered. We had a great prayer and praise service, then the reading of the morning Psalm, and then the reception of the new converts who had been baptized. Following this, one of the workers, who was not feeling well, came to be anointed and prayed for. He was followed by ten others, and the presence of the Lord was there to heal. Praise His holy name! While we did not have as large attendance as on some occasions, due to the lack of transportation, the reports were very good, showing that during the last three months there have been 205 souls

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SOUTH CAROLINA'S DISTRICT CONVENTIONS START

January 21, 22, Charleston District at Charleston.

January 28, 29, Laurens District at Laurens.

February 4, 5, Florence District at Florence.

February 11, 12, Langley District at Langley.

February 18, 19, Columbia District at Columbia.

February 25, 26, Greenville District at South Greenville.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S AGED MINISTERS REMEMBERED

Church	Offering	Sent In	Inman	Iva
Abbeville	\$	5.16	Jefferson	4.00
Anderson		35.00	Jones Hill	4.64
Andrews			Kershaw	1.00
Aynor		10.00	Killian	1.70
Barnwell			La France	14.50
Beaufort		4.00	Lake City	
Belton		25.00	Lancaster	15.00
Bennettsville		11.00	Lando	
Bishopville			Langley	28.88
Blacksburg		20.02	Latta	4.00
Blackville		4.00	Laurens	20.00
Calhoun Falls			Leo	3.31
Camden		8.45	Liberty	9.00
Central		5.25	Lockhart	5.00
Charleston		21.00	Madison	
Cheraw		3.00	Mallory	3.20
Cherokee Falls			Marion	8.90
Cherry Hill		6.40	McColl	
Chesnee		10.00	McCormick	3.02
Chester		5.25	Mullins	
Clifton		11.00	Neeses	3.81
Clinton		10.00	Newberry	6.06
Cleveland		5.18	Ninety Six	11.00
Clover		5.00	Newry	8.00
Clyde		6.00	N. Charleston	13.00
Columbia		35.00	N. Greenville	26.25
Conestee			Oneal	2.80
Conneross		1.80	Orangeburg	18.49
Conway		7.35	Pacoleet	6.27
Crow Creek		5.00	Peizer	25.00
Darlington		2.00	Pickens	6.50
Denmark		8.50	Rock Hill	30.90
Dillon		49.76	Ruby	
Earle		10.00	Saint Stephens	5.00
Easley		14.49	Salem	8.00
Edgefield		10.00	Slater	21.14
Enoree		30.00	Seneca	16.00
Fair Play		6.68	S. Greenwood	11.00
Florence		7.20	Spartanburg	20.00
Fort Mill		25.00	S. Spartanburg	
Fountain Inn		20.00	Summerville	11.00
Gaffney		10.00	Sumter	3.24
Gap Hill		9.00	Switzer	10.00
Georgetown		11.00	Tucapau	
Glassy Mountain			Union	10.00
Great Falls		7.41	Valley Falls	3.50
Greeleyville			Vaucuse	12.36
Greenville		105.00	Walhalla No. 1	16.00
Greenville (Woodside)			Walhalla No. 2	20.40
Greenwood		35.61	Walterboro	6.86
Greer		27.19	Ware Shoals	7.50
Hamer		16.00	Warrenville	
Hampton			Westminster	5.23
Harristown		3.00	Williams	10.15
Hartsville		8.00	Williamston	4.25
Hemingsway		3.00	Winnboro	11.08
Hickory Grove		6.00	Woodruff	20.47
High Falls		4.52	York	12.16
Honea Path		16.19	Total to date	\$1,244.98
Huggin Oak				

—H. R. Morehead, State Overseer.

State Reports

AS I SAW THE KENTUCKY SCHOOL FOR MINISTERS

I am thankful for the opportunity of spending the week in Lexington, Ky., our state headquarters, and seeing the group of ministers who attended this prayer conference, or school for ministers. I like the latter name best, for, as I see it, the way it was all conducted, night services included, it was a "school" and one of great importance. Surely all the ministers and evangelists will go back to their respective fields of labor with more zeal and a greater determination to live in a way not to bring any reproach on the great cause of Christ.

Rev. L. H. Aultman, our state overseer, is a great leader, and we feel that his faithful labors the past three years have brought about the brotherly love and unity that prevails among the ministry in Kentucky.

We were very glad to have in our school. Rev. A. M. Phillips, our Business Manager, of Cleveland, Tenn. He was a blessing in class, and on Thursday night brought a soul-stirring evangelistic message, which was enjoyed by all. The other night messages were good and the song service splendid. We truly thank God for this great school for ministers in Kentucky.—Charles E. Lockard, Pastor of Coral Ridge, Ky.

KENTUCKY

L. W. W. B. Report for October

Mrs. L. H. Aultman, State President

Blue Diamond	\$540.46
Hazard	289.11
Hazel Green	148.07
Louisville	139.57
Cloplint	126.00
Millstone	108.00
West Middlesboro	105.00
Wallins	88.56
Bernard	72.92
Lynch	47.00
Ravenna	45.15
Barbourville	42.00
Somerset	36.36
Middlesboro	33.11

Coral Ridge	25.54
Grays Knob	22.00
East Bernstadt	21.75
Bowling Green	21.45
Dressen	19.21
East Louisville	17.81
Fourmile	16.92
Clay City	15.10
Wheelwright	12.50
Fork Ridge	7.93
Fonde	6.00
Crescent Springs	5.00
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Thornton	4.75
Garrett	3.50
Berea	2.00
Majestic	1.95
Harmons Lick	1.76

Total \$2,031.23

DEL-MAR-VA-NEWS

Did You Know . . .

That Easton is having services in its new church building?

That Brooklyn church is now under roof and will be finished in two or three weeks?

That Joppa has built a new parsonage and the Sindles are living in it already?

That Milford, Del., church is building a new parsonage, which it anticipates finishing in the near future?

That Crisfield church is making plans for a new church building? The lot has already been bought.—G. W. Lane, State Overseer.

Ladies' Willing Workers Band

Mrs. G. W. Lane, State President

We watch the reports each month, waiting to get yours so we can add you to the list. The ladies have been working all along; every time we visit the churches we can see some good work for which the ladies are responsible, the nice parsonages we are made to appreciate. It is just wonderful, but the ladies don't stop at the parsonages, they remodel the churches. Ladies, let's work harder than ever before; we may not get our reward down here but if we will continue, we shall gain a reward on high, and it won't be long.

The following information is given in accordance to the reports I received for the month, as to the benefits derived from a Ladies' Willing Workers Band:

Hagerstown	\$84.18
Crisfield	57.09
Brooklyn (Oct.)	48.80

Old-fashioned Revivals

TENNESSEE MISSIONARY RIDGE CHURCH OF GOD

We have closed a 3 weeks' revival with Mrs. Homer Miller, of Cleveland, Tenn., as our evangelist. There were converted, 18 sanctified, 18 bap-



Mrs. Homer Miller

tized with the Holy Ghost, and 17 added to the church. Sister Miller gave out the Word in a splendid way, and her messages were enjoyed by all. She is both spiritual and inspirational and will be a blessing to any church. Brother and Sister Miller are real good workers in the altar, and have their hearts fully in the work of the Lord.—C. B. Donohue, Pastor.

ONEONTA, Ala.—The Church of God here recently closed a very successful three weeks' revival with Brother Richard Tyler, Jr., doing the preaching. God blessed in a wonderful way, and the altars were filled each night with seekers crying out to God in the old time way and finding Him precious to their souls. Our church and Sunday School attendance has almost doubled. There were 25 saved, 16 sanctified, 6 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 23 baptized in water, and 23 added to the church. We surely thank God for our good pastor, Brother Roland Melvin, and his wife. They are wonderful people with whom to work. Pray for the church here that it will rise and shine for God, and that it

will be as a lighthouse to souls who are lost in darkness.—Velma Corvin, Secretary.

SWAINESBORO, Ga.—We have just closed one of the best revivals the church here has ever witnessed. Sister Ann Brown was the evangelist, and I believe she was at her best. There were 12 saved, 9 sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 3 added to the church. We are looking forward to the time when Sister Brown can come back. She is a real evangelist and anyone securing her for a revival will not make a mistake. Pray much for us and the work here.—J. B. Merritt, Pastor.

ELKINS, W. Va.—A great revival has just closed in Elkins. We began on Sunday night, November 6, and closed on Saturday night, the 26th. I feel that this was one of the finest meetings I have ever witnessed. The attendance was good from the very first night to the last, even though there was some bad weather. The spiritual tide of the services seemed to rise to a higher pitch as the meeting continued. Some of the folks remarked that it was the best revival in Elkins in several years, for which we, of course, praise the Lord. In this revival, there were 8 saved, 4 sanctified, and 3 baptized with the Holy Ghost. The church was lifted up spiritually and brought into closer fellowship with the Lord. I desire to say that Brother Allen and his wife, with the cooperation of these fine people, are going ahead for God and the Church. May God bless Brother Allen and family and his good people in Elkins. It was a pleasure to be with them in this fine meeting—Wiley W. Miller, Evangelist, 209 Cereal Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio.

CARTHAGE, Mo.—On July 17, Rev. A. W. Bradley and wife began a tent revival here. After 10 weeks under the canvas, Rev. Wilma Henry, our state overseer, came and set a church in order. The Lord has graciously blessed Brother and Sister Bradley's ministry, and a Sunday School, Ladies' Willing Workers Band, and Y.P.E. have been organized. The L.W.W.B. raised \$164

last month. We also rented a concrete-block building to worship in during the winter months, and are praying for the Lord to help us build a nice church building by early spring. Along with the rich ministry from the Word, Brother and Sister Bradley's ministry in music and song is greatly inspiring. Any church would be blessed to get them for a revival. Sister Bradley plays the piano and piano accordion, as well as preaches. Pray for us as we go on with the Lord in Carthage.—Mrs. Nora Bell DeRossett, Secretary.

BAINBRIDGE, Ga.—We are very happy to report a wonderful revival conducted by Rev. and Mrs. Roy Horton. Brother Horton preached some of the best soul-inspiring messages I have ever heard, and sinners fell in the altar and prayed through to old time victory. There were 25 saved, 6 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the church. If you want a good evangelist, contact Brother Horton at Griffin, Ga.—F. W. Griffin, Clerk.

BLOWING ROCK, N. C.—We have just closed a 5 weeks' revival with Brother Fox, of Lenoir, N. C., doing the preaching. There were 10 saved, 7 sanctified, and 4 filled with the Holy Ghost. We want to give God all the praise and are looking forward to a great work here in Blowing Rock. If you want to do something for God in a needy field, come over and join us. Our good pastor, Rev. A. W. Pitts, his wife, and all his sheep give you a hearty welcome.—Lucille Mast.

LONG DISTANCE

Rev. Harry Mushegan, pastor at Lancaster, S. C., reported by long distance the gracious success the church realized on the sacrifice day, Sunday, Dec. 18. The day was designated "sacrifice day" because the members were to give a full week of their wages on their church indebtedness. The members were faithful to their pledges, which resulted in a cash offering of \$1,084.76, and God honored the sacrifice by opening the floodgates of glory and sending gracious blessings upon the church.

The pastor and membership are not only happy over the material progress of the church, but are rejoicing also over the increase of the membership from 58 to 80 in the few months Brother Mushegan has been there.

O CITY OF GOD

By Harry E. Goforth, Evangelist, 1316
Fifth Avenue, Columbus, Ga.

Praise God for the Church of God! I am quite sure David had a vision of the real Church of God that would shine in these last days when he said in Psalm 87:3, "Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God." Such glorious things are said about the Church of God that David said in the second verse, "The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob." Surely God has chosen the Church for His bride. Oh, what a sacred place! and just to know that God loves the entrance of the Church of God more than all the dwellings of Jacob! God so loved the dwelling of Jacob that He said, "This is my covenant; with them I will take away all their sins from them." If God did this for the dwellings of Jacob, how much more will He do for us?

Another glorious thing said about the Church was this, "For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." People wonder why we shout as we do. Isa. 12:6 says, "Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee." God is in the middle of this and all around it. "For I, saith the Lord, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her," Zech. 2:5. No wonder we feel as we do about the Church of God. Just think of a wall of fire about her! This gives us victory over all doubts. Zech. 9:8, "And I will encamp about mine house (the church) because of the army, because of him that passeth by, and because of him that returneth: and no oppressor shall pass through them any more: for now have I seen with mine eyes." To know these truths gives us great delight to cry out and shout.

Some people leave the Church and say they have something better, but I feel that all we need is in the Church of God. I have scripture to prove it. David, in Psalm 87:7, said, "As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in thee." Let us notice he said, "All my springs are in thee," not will or may be, but are in thee. Everything people of God are hungry for is in the Church of God.

King Solomon said a garden of fruits and streams of water were in her. Fruit is good for every person; and clean, pure water causes us to be healthy. So does this spiritual fruit and water from the Church make us men and women for God. Psalm 84:1, "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!" The word *amiable* means agreeable or pleasant.

Jesus turned to His disciples one time and said, "Blessed are the eyes that see the things that ye see." I praise God for what we see today in the midst of the trouble of this world, when darkness is covering the land. The Church of God is still shining as never before. The great prophet Isaiah said, Isa. 60:1, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Now let us notice what He said: "Thy light is come." This proves to me the light is here now. We know the Church

I MET THE MASTER

*I had walked life's way with an easy tread,
Had followed where comforts and pleasures led,
Until one day in a quiet place
I met the Master face to face.*

*With station and rank and wealth for my goal,
Much thought for my body but none for my soul,
I had entered to win in life's mad race,
When I met the Master face to face.*

*I met Him and knew Him and blushed to see
That His eyes full of sorrow were fixed on me,
And I faltered and fell at His feet that day
While my castle melted and vanished away*

*Melted and vanished, and in their place,
Naught else did I see but my Master's face;
And I cried aloud, "Oh, make me meet
To follow the steps of Thy wounded feet."*

*My thought is now for the souls of men;
I have lost my life to find it again,
E'er since one day in a quiet place
I met the Master face to face.*

of God will win and that the Scripture prophecies will not fail. Knowing what we know, we can go over all wrong said about us as an elephant would walk over a toad. Just one verse, Jer. 30:19, verifies this statement, "And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small."

It is said of Abraham that he staggered not, through unbelief, at the promises God made to him. We should not hesitate to declare the Church of God. That which was hid from ages to ages and from generation to generation has now been made manifest unto us by His Spirit. I say, "Blessed are the eyes that see the things that ye see." Isa. 54:2, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." This is enough to make us get ready for greater things, for they are on God's program. Joel 2:21, 23, "Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things. Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month." Yes, it is time for us to enlarge. Paul said, "... our heart is enlarged. Now for a recompense in the same ... be ye also enlarged," 2 Cor. 6:11, 13. When Jesus came He said, "A greater than Solomon is here" "And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore," 1 Kings 4:29. But it is clear to us a greater than Solomon is here—the body of Christ.

Church of God, we want to get the good things God has for us. The Church moves on in fulfillment of prophecy. Jer. 31:14, "... and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the Lord." Psalm 36:8, "They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures." Surely we have plenty over which to rejoice. Paul said, "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice," Phil. 4:4.

WHEN GOD HIDES HIS FACE

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presence of God with HIM. He states in John 8:29, "And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him." However, on the cross it was a different story when He cried, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" We cannot comprehend the agony of that cry—He having been with God in glory, enjoying God's presence in the incarnation, and then suddenly in the hour of his greatest need God hid His face from His own Son because He had become sin for us. There was darkness over all the land for three hours.

My friend, if you have had fellowship with God and His Son Jesus, and He has hidden His face from you, it is pretty dark for you, too. Why not seek His face earnestly until you can again see the smile on His countenance and hear the words of approval, even as Jesus did when His Father spoke from heaven, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

When Israel desired a king, God made the choice of a likely young man named Saul, who was anointed by Samuel, and he went his way. He met some prophets, and he also prophesied. God's Spirit came upon him; his heart was changed; and he became a new man. What a wonderful beginning! But what a tragic end! He failed to stay in obedience, and God finally took His Spirit from him. It rested upon David, and an evil spirit came upon Saul. Yes, when God withdrew from Saul he was in trouble. In his desperation he sought God, in a way, maybe in an insincere way, but God would not answer him. Finally, he was so distressed that he resorted to the witch of Endor for information as to the future. It wasn't very bright. He got the information all right, but in the ensuing battle he was hard pressed, attempted suicide, and was finally finished off by one of David's soldiers.

Yes, when God leaves a man he is in trouble; he is left to his own devices and will finally die, and that unsaved. Now is the time to seek the Lord. Let us live so God will be pleased to dwell in us and to manifest Himself through us. It will take more than talking about the glory and power of God to win the lost. We must have His presence with us. This presence He has promised. "Lo, I am

with you alway, even to the end of the world." So when God hides His face—seek HIM—seek His face!

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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saved in our meetings, 117 sanctified, and 17 filled with the Holy Ghost. Our quarterly building offering was \$76.25, but our building needs are great. Dear ones, pray that God will send us a few hundred dollars to help with our building program. Our motto is "Ever Onward."

—J. B. Winter, Island Overseer, Wismar, Fontabelle, Barbados, B. W. I.

OBITUARIES



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William Edward Wolfe was born July 4, 1889, and recently departed this life. He is survived by his wife and seven children. The writer, assisted by Brother A. D. Gammill, Brother Timmie Whittington, Brother Roberts, Brother Lay, and others laid his remains in the new cemetery at Cleveland, Miss., to await the call from the Master.—H. A. Pressgrove, Cascilla, Miss.

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